

RECOMMENDS UNIFIED
STREET-CAR SYSTEM

Engineer Tells Board of Public Works Intelligent Plan Should Be Adopted.

SYSTEM IS NOW FAULTY

City and Street-Railway Officials Should Consult and Reach Agreement.

Discussing at some length the question of street car line extensions, City Engineer Jeup, in a letter to the Board of Public Works, yesterday recommended the adoption of a general plan for a system of street railways in the city, and to this end advises that a conference be held some time in the near future by the Board of Works and the Indianapolis Traction and Terminal Company.

As has been demonstrated by the number of requests for street car extensions along certain streets, serious complications are met by the board in fixing the routes, since there is no general system of car lines to be followed. At the present time there are ten requests before the board for extensions. Some of the routes asked conflict with the general system, and should many such extensions be constructed the system would become complicated and inconsistent. By a tangible plan of car lines which could be followed in the future the work of locating the advisable routes of all extensions would be greatly facilitated.

ENGINEER'S LETTER.

Mr. Jeup's letter to the board is interesting, in that it discusses the various extensions now pending before the board. It reads as follows:

"Referring to the petition for the extension of the West Indiana street car line from its present terminus at Belmont and Howard street, in and along Howard street to Shiloh street, and thence to Morris street, I beg to report that an extension along this route or an extension in Belmont street, thence west to Morris street, thence west to Bismarck street, would give street car service to this section of the city, which is not adequately served at the present time. However, an extension along the lines proposed in connection with this petition for a street car line, I think the time is opportune for discussing the question of street car extensions in general.

"Petitions on file for street car extensions now pending before your board are as follows: (1) Brookside-avenue line, (2) extension of the Pennsylvania-street car line, (3) extension of West Indiana line, (4) extension of the Indianapolis line, (5) extension of a line in Church street, (6) extension of the College avenue line, (7) extension of the College avenue line, (8) extension of the West-street line, (9) extension of the West-street line, (10) while a petition has not been filed, one will be filed for a line in Hillside avenue from Nineteenth street to Lloyd avenue.

"In addition to the petitions for extensions, the franchise of the Indianapolis Traction and Terminal Company provides for certain cross-street lines, the route of which are not yet defined.

"IN VIEW OF THE large number of petitions and of the lines proposed, it occurs to me that a general plan of a street car system for the entire city should be agreed upon between your board and the street-railway company, and after a full hearing. If found necessary by franchise provisions, ratified by the Common Council.

"I make this suggestion for several reasons. 1. Roadways have been adopted for several improvements north of the creek between Meridian street and Central avenue. In the absence of a general plan for a street car system, the widths of the streets as provided in the plans and specifications adopted by your board does not make into consideration the extension of street car lines, because the street car lines in this district have not been defined. Such a general system of street-car lines would provide for a street car line in the Nineteenth street north to Lloyd and become then proper provisions should be made to make proper width for such a line.

"Resolutions have been adopted for sidewalks and curb in Corner avenue from Thirtieth street to Nineteenth street. Should the street car tracks should be laid in the corner avenue, the plan should be modified so as to increase the width of the street for this purpose.

"BRIDGE QUESTION EXTENDED.

"2. Intimately connected with the extension of the Pennsylvania-street car line is the question of bridges which will be constructed between Meridian street and Central avenue, and the question of whether car lines at all, or whether a street car system should be provided for the territory north of the creek. In connection with this proposed extension the location of a north side cross-town line should be taken up. The franchise of the Indianapolis Traction and Terminal Company does not define a street car line between Central avenue and Illinois street.

"A number of street car lines have been established inconsistent with the street car system and were located to serve local conditions at the time they were located. The route of these lines could be changed with great advantage to the city and the street car company.

"4. In any general system for street car lines the question of the safe crossing of cars at steam crossings should be considered. As a plan will be submitted by the railway companies for the separation of grades, the proposed street car lines in the city should be considered in connection with this plan. I have in mind, among other things, the crossing of the street car line at East Tenth street, and the crossing of the street car line at Massachusetts avenue and Tenth street, and the crossing of the street car line at Thirtieth street crossing. It is provided that a general system would provide that all cars from the street car line should be directed to the street car line at the crossing of the street car line.

"5. The route for the entrance of interurban cars into the city have now been established, with the probable exception of the I. & C. and the C. & O. lines. The question of streets to be occupied by these cars is no longer a question of doubt when establishing a general street-car system.

"In view of these facts I consider it very desirable that the city be in possession of a plan for a system of street railways. With a plan of this kind before the board the question which would have to be considered when a petition has been presented for the extension of a street-car line would be simply the question of whether such an extension would be reasonable for the board to order or whether the time had come when such extension should be ordered. In order to avoid delay in making any of the extensions which have been petitioned for I would suggest, if it is recommended meets with your approval, that the board arrange to call a conference as possible a conference with the street-car company to discuss this question."

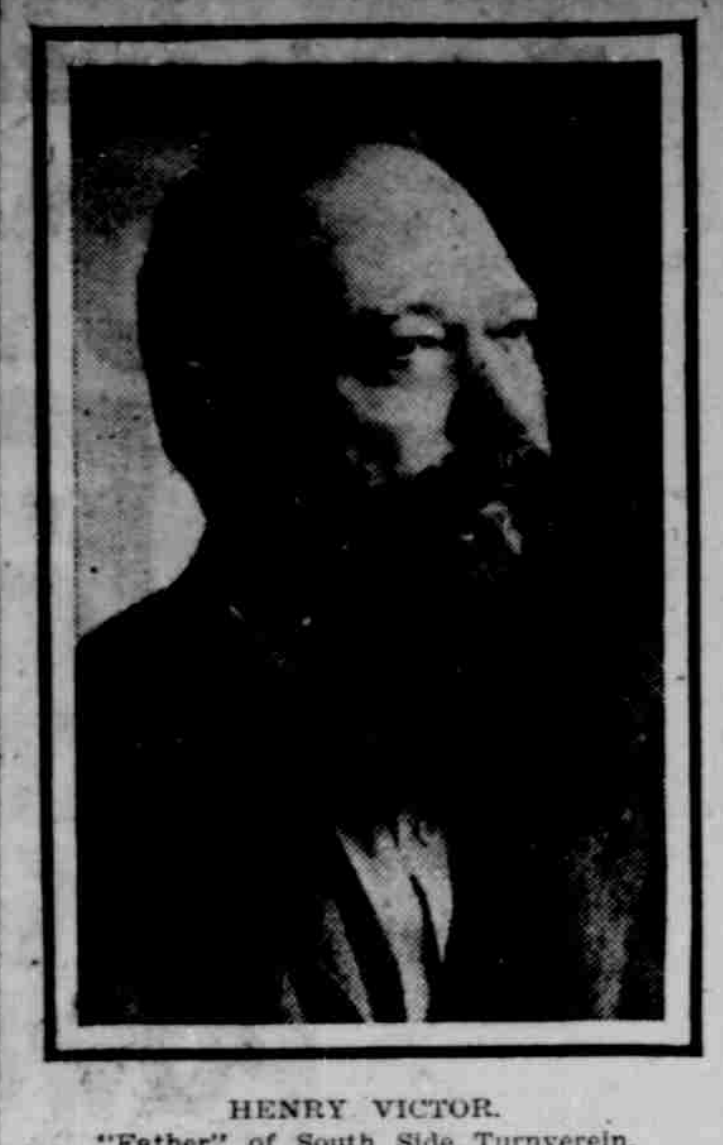
Will Repair Water Tower.

It was decided yesterday by the Board of Public Safety to have the water tower, which broke at the Occidental Hotel fire, repaired by the La France Engine Company, of New York. The cost will be \$30.

Fire Chief Costa said yesterday that he thought a water pressure of 200 pounds too strong for the tower, and hence its collapse Sunday morning. Hereafter a pressure of 150 pounds will be used.

For Third and Fifth Wards.

For the primaries Friday the voting places not given in the list made public Tuesday by Secretary Johnson, of the county committee, are: Third ward, engine house between Capitol avenue and Illinois street on Fifteenth street. Fifth ward, rear 99 West New York street. The inspector in the Third ward is Hoyt McLean, and in the Fifth ward Joseph Hoyle.

SOUTH SIDE TURNVEREIN
AT FLOODTIDE IN HISTORY

Great South Side Institution Now in Tenth Year of Its Organization.

HENRY VICTOR, "FATHER"

After discouragements and reverses that for awhile checked the progress of the South Side Turnverein, the organization is now celebrating its tenth anniversary. The perseverance that is characteristic of the German people has prevailed, and has made the club one of the established organizations on the South Side. To Henry Victor is due the success of the club.

Mr. Victor took charge of the work in the spring of 1894, when all efforts to complete the organization and make it a success had failed, and at a time when those supporting the society were losing faith in the undertaking. The enthusiasm and the effectiveness with which he assumed control of the work inspired those interested, and at once new life was put into the organization, and in less than a year a membership of 500 had been secured.

For a long time the meetings of the club were held in the old Phoenix Hall, but time came when the old clubhouse could not accommodate the large membership. Plans were then undertaken for the erection of a new and modern clubhouse to be the property of the society itself and which could furnish the accommodations that the growing membership was demanding, and in 1900 South Turnverein clubhouse at a cost of \$40,000.

NEW HOME BUILT.

The new home was built on the stock plan and a corporation was formed by which each member that was a member of the stock was made a member of the corporation. The erection of this building was started with only \$400 cash on hand, but the subscriptions circulated among not only the South Side Germans, but the Germans of Indianapolis, were so enthusiastic that the building of the home now located on Prospect street. The stock was subscribed to by large number of wealthy Indianapolis Germans.

Nothing was contracted by the erection of this building, but since 1901 \$10,000 of the debt has been paid, and the success of the past in this particular is ample assurance that the society will be able to clear itself of the debt in ten years, the time for which the loan was taken out.

WORK ON BURNED HOTEL STILL AWAITS A HOTEL

Merchants in Building Trying to Bring Order Out of Chaos.

Merchants occupying the ill-fated Occidental Hotel building at the time of the fire are still working overtime in an effort to reduce affairs to a normal condition, and in at least one instance the inevitable fire sale has been announced, to begin this morning.

Nothing in the way of cleaning up the debris can be done until Building Inspector Stanley submits his report to the Board of Works to-morrow.

Coroner Tuttle yesterday continued his investigation of the deaths of Stephen Walters and Richard Metz, the negroes who lost their lives in the heavy building. O. P. Ferguson, night clerk at the Occidental, said that a bellboy whom he had sent to make the rounds of the hotel reported everything all right four minutes before the fire was discovered.

Conditions continue to improve at St. Vincent's. Sister Monica was considerable better yesterday afternoon and evening, and unless unforeseen complications arise it is thought she will soon recover despite her extreme age.

RILEY SET TO MUSIC PROVES GREAT SUCCESS

Fritz Krull Gives Recital at German House, Attended by Riley Himself.

The James Whitcomb Riley recital at the German House last night by Fritz Krull, baritone, who gave a musical setting to some of Mr. Riley's poems, was a decided success. Mr. Krull was generously applauded by his audience, and Mr. Riley himself was delighted. The familiar little poem of "The Raggedy Man," was encored time after time, for the music to which it was set proved fascinating. Mr. Krull also sang "The Raggedy Man," by Mendelssohn, and "Alexander's Weekly," by Mendelssohn.

Mr. Krull's stay in this city will be brief, as in about two weeks he leaves for Germany for an indefinite residence. He intends to enter the grand opera and hopes to join the Royal Opera Company of Dresden.

Daily Illustrated Joke

HIS IDEA.

Photographer—Do you want me to take a full picture of your husband?

Mrs. Booz—No; he's not a bit attractive when he's drunk.

HIGHER COURT INFLECTS
HEAVY FINE ON GAMBLER

James A. Armitage Gets No Mercy in Case Appealed from the Police Court.

MUST PAY \$250 AND COSTS

James A. Armitage, on an appeal from the Police Court, was yesterday given a fine of \$250 by a jury in the Criminal Court before Special Judge Wibur Wilson on a charge of conducting a gambling house. The fine and costs will amount to \$275. It is believed that Armitage will appeal the case.

Armitage operates a saloon at 211 East Washington street that was raided by the police April 9. Armitage, with a number of men who were caught in the raid, was arraigned in Police Court. The gamblers were fined \$5 and costs and the owner of the saloon \$100 and costs by Judge Whalon. The case was appealed to the Criminal Court, where a change of venue was taken from Judge Alford to Special Judge Wilson.

State Will Not Ask For Rehearing in Fargo Case

Assistant Attorney General C. C. Hadley has decided that it would be useless for the State to ask for a rehearing in the case of James Fargo, president of the American Express Company vs. the State of Indiana, which was decided in the former's favor about two weeks ago in the United States Supreme Court. There will be no more talk of asking for a rehearing, but after reading a copy of the United States Revised Statutes, furnished him by Justice Holmes, Mr. Hadley has abandoned the idea.

Trustee Acting in Good Faith Can Close School

The Supreme Court decided yesterday that whenever a township school trustee shows that he has acted in good faith, he has a right to say what schools, coming under his jurisdiction, shall be closed, subject to an appeal to the county superintendent. The controversy was between the trustee of Newell township, De Kalb county, and the patrons of the school in the same township. The trustee had closed the school because there were only eleven pupils in regular attendance. The court ruled in favor of the trustee.

Will Go to Supreme Court.

On the ground that the Appellate Court's decision was erroneous, Judge Pliny W. Bartholomew, attorney for Romus F. Stuart, who, as a taxpayer, brought suit against Sterling R. Holt and William H. Schmidt, ex-treasurers of Marion county, for fees obtained by them, will take the case to the Supreme Court. The suit was decided against Stuart Tuesday.

THE COURT RECORD.

SUPERIOR COURT.

Room 1—John L. McMaster, Judge.

August Buchman vs. James Higgins et al. Mechanic's lien. Dismissed by plaintiff. Costs paid.

Room 2—James M. Leathers, Judge.

George Rowe vs. Dora Rowe, divorce. Evidence partly heard. Continued.

Room 3—Vinson Carter, Judge.

Sanderford vs. Columbia Club. Dismissed. Judgment against plaintiff for costs.

Perkins vs. Pierce, finding and judgment against defendant for \$35.35 and judgment for costs.

Richardson vs. Ball, finding for plaintiff. Partition ordered.

Keiler vs. McNamee, finding due \$143.20. Decree of foreclosure.

CIRCUIT COURT.

Henry Clay Allen, Judge.

Rachel Schneider vs. Standard Life Insurance Company. Jury disagreed and were discharged.

Harriet Westfall vs. James A. Wait et al. John A. Boring, Special Judge. Sub committed to jury. Evidence heard in part.

John C. Burgan vs. Mason J. Osgood's Estate. Chain of title. Decree for \$32.15 and interest from Feb. 4, 1903. Costs paid.

CRIMINAL COURT.

Fremonot Alford, Judge.

James Armitage, keeping gambling house. Defendant fined \$250 and costs. Motion overruled. Extension taken. Defendant arraigned and enters a plea of not guilty. Trial by jury.

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